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**From:** Wayne Hedberg  
**To:** MNRLS  
**Date:** 8/13/96  
**Subject:** Ash Grove Cement Meeting

On ~~August~~ <sup>July</sup> 31, 1996, Division staff members, Tony Gallegos, Wayne Hedberg and Lynn Kunzler met with Ash Grove Cement Company (AGCC) representatives, Charles Nichols and Andrew Robinson at DOGM offices. Mr. Nichols is a geologist and land manager for AGCC out of their corporate office in Overland Park, Kansas. He has recently been assigned to oversee some of the permitting and development operations at the Leamington Quarry here in Utah. Mr. Nichols asked to come in and meet with the Division to introduce himself and familiarize himself with Utah's reclamation requirements for the Leamington operation.

After basic introductions, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Robinson gave us a general overview of AGCC's basic mine development plans for the near term. Apparently the corporate office has now decided that they will not go ahead with the original plan for large scale expansion onto the USFS property. They are in the process of scaling back the scope of their original permit revision to limit the extent of mine expansion to the basic configuration of the existing permit area boundary (with some minor changes). Mr. Nichols stated that they hope to do some limited exploration/development drilling within the next 6 months. He wants to confirm the quality and extent of adjacent limestone beds which he believes are a continuous lateral extension of the limestone in the present quarry area (immediately northwest?). We advised them to submit an Exploration Notice before they drill, if the proposed locations are outside of their approved permit area boundary.

Mr. Robinson stated that AGCC anticipates that the extensive tract of USFS land undergoing the patenting process should be complete/approved by the end of September/96. He also stated that AGCC had completed construction of a new storage silo at the Leamington Plant/Quarry within the past couple of weeks.

Mr. Nichols stated that he and Mr. Robinson were continueing to work with their mining consultant, Gary Doolittle, to revise the appropriate mine maps and generate the supplemental information as we requested in our last review letter. Obviously their response will be modified to reflect AGCC decision to limit their extent of their original expansion plans.

We discussed the minor changes that will need to be made to the approved permit to accommodate the quarry access road that was mistakenly created outside of their approved permit area boundary. We advised them to file a permit amendment to address this situation and to include the more recent changes/additions to the surface facilities (new storage silo, etc.). Mr. Robinson agreed to do so and was given the appropriate application forms at the conclusion of the meeting.

A COPY OF THIS MEMO WILL BE COPIED TO THE MINE FILE AND AGCC. - M/023/004.

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